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LETTER DATED 2 JULY 1997 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF LUXEMBOURG TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to bring to your attention the statement issued on 2 July 1997 by the Presidency on behalf of the European Union on the situation in Haiti.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as a Security Council document.

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Annex

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Statement issued on 2 July 1997 by the Presidency on behalf of the European Union on the situation in Haiti

The European Union has taken note of the adjournment sine die, announced on 12 June 1997, of the second round of the partial elections in the Republic of Haiti and of the resignation of the Government of Mr. Rosny Smarth on 8 June 1997.

Concerned at the atmosphere in which the electoral process in Haiti was conducted, it very strongly hopes that the Haitian people will be able to express their wishes as soon as possible in free, honest and transparent elections, offering citizens the widest range of opinions and choices in accordance with rules and procedures accepted by all.

It expresses the hope that a new Government can be formed at an early date.

It reaffirms its determination to continue its support for strengthening the rule of law and the economic and social development of Haiti.